GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Ambulances on NHs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the ambulances running on the roads particularly on National Highways (NHs) are without basic medical facilities for patients, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has set norms for all the new ambulances that will ply on the roads from April 2018, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that there are sufficient well equipped ambulances on the NHs/other roads to cater to the medical emergency situations?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): Public health and hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of sufficient well equipped ambulances on the NHs/other roads to cater to the medical emergency situations lies with the respective State/UT Governments.

Data regarding medical facilities in ambulances running on the roads particularly on National Highways (NHs) is not maintained centrally.

However, under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for ambulances (Dial-102, Dial-108 etc.) based on the requirements posed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope, to ensure that there are sufficient well equipped ambulances on the NHs/other roads to cater to the medical emergency situations.

Under NHM, 8061 Dial-108 ambulances, 8872 Dial-102/104 ambulances and 6674 empanelled patient transport vehicles are operational in the country.

Further, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has issued Gazette Notification No 630 dated 08.09.2016 relating to the specification of vehicles to be used as ambulance, which is available at URL http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2016/171677.pdf .